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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 208
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A RESOLUTION to congratulate and honor Wisdom Franchot Coleman, Jr., D.D.S., M.P.H.A., upon his appointment as Associate Professor and Director of Admissions at the University of Tennessee, Memphis, College of Dentistry.

WHEREAS, in recognition of his vast knowledge of his profession and his exceptional leadership ability, Wisdom Franchot Coleman, Jr. has been appointed to the prestigious post of Associate Professor and Director of Admissions at the University of Tennessee, Memphis, College of Dentistry; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Coleman received his Doctor of Dental Surgery degree in 1969 from Howard University, and he completed a General Practice Internship at John Cochran VA Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri in 1970; and

WHEREAS, as a superbly patient and industrious professional, Dr. Coleman joined the faculty at the University of Tennessee, Memphis in 1971 as an instructor in operative dentistry. In 1980, he was promoted to assistant professor and was promoted to associate professor in 1989; and

WHEREAS, throughout his superlative career he has set and accomplished goals which this body is proud to honor; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Coleman's ongoing persevering work ethic has proven worthwhile, as he is a Fellow of the American College of Dentists, and has been elected into membership of the Richard Doggett Dean and Marquerite Taylor Dean Honorary Odontological Society; and

WHEREAS, his professional memberships include the American Dental Association, American Association of Dental Schools, Tennessee Dental Association, Shelby County Dental Association and the Memphis Dental Society; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Coleman is a past president of the Shelby County Dental Association, and has served as an alternate delegate of the Tennessee Dental Association; and

WHEREAS, a humane and caring individual, Dr. Coleman served with distinction as Dental Director of the Memphis and Shelby County Headstart, and has served on the Board of Directors of the Mid-South Medical Council Health System and the Shelby County Health Care Corporation at the Regional Medical Center. He was also Consultant for the Delta Dental Plan; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Coleman continues to unselfishly devote himself to the public good; he currently chairs the West Tennessee Appeal Board of the Selective Service System and is a member of the Memphis Area Vocational Technical School Advisory Council; and

WHEREAS, the countless honors that have been conferred upon him and his many accomplishments aside, Dr. Coleman is most appreciative of the love he shares with his sons, each of whom has made his mark on the world and is highly successful in his own right; Dr. Coleman's sons are Lieutenant Wisdom Coleman, a graduate of Massachusetts Institute of Technology, who is presently serving with the U.S. Navy in Japan; David Coleman, a graduate of Boston University School of Fine Arts, and Anthony Coleman, a third-year student at Massachusetts Institute of Technology; and

WHEREAS, The University of Tennessee, Memphis, College of Dentistry is fortunate to have the leadership of Dr. Wisdom Franchot Coleman, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this General Assembly should pause to congratulate and honor Dr. Wisdom Franchot Coleman, Jr., whose life serves as a shining example of the virtues of hard work and dedication; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate Wisdom Franchot Coleman, Jr., D.D.S., M.P.H.A. on his recent appointment as Associate Professor and Director of Admissions at the University of Tennessee, Memphis, College of Dentistry, recognizing his many contributions to his profession, and wish him well in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation to Dr. Coleman with this final clause omitted from such copy.